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(Amphetamines)

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Amphetamines are drugs that are stim
may be used medically to treat depression, obes
often used illegally to avoid sleep, improve athl
drugs.

Slang Terms:

Uppers	Black Beauties
Speed	Jollies
Bennies	Dexies
Wake ups	Ups

Methods of Intake:

Smoked	Swallowed
Snorted	Injected

THE HIGH:

Amphetamines increase energy and produce a sense of pleasure and peace. The drug can fight fatigue and allow people to work around the clock. It induces exhilarating feelings of power, strength, energy, self-assertion, focus, and enhanced motivation. This high is long lasting compared to other drugs and can often linger for 8 to 24 hours. The high is usually followed by intense mental depression and fatigue.

THE LOW:

Amphetamines can trigger a number of unpleasant, sometimes deadly effects. They are often associated with violence and anti-social behavior.

nts to the central nervous system. These drugs and other conditions. Amphetamines are performance, or counter the effects of depressant

Side Effects:

Rapid Speech	Exaggerated movements
Dilated pupils	Aggression
Convulsions	Insomnia
Hallucinations	Increased heart rate
Chest Pain	Irritability
Paranoia	Increased breathing rate
Dizziness	Reduced Appetite
Blurred vision	Dry mouth
Anxiety	Increased blood pressure
Paleness	Loss of Coordination
Headache	

Withdrawal Symptoms:

Severe exhaustion	Psychotic reaction
Extreme hunger	Deep depressions
Anxiety Reactions	Deep sleep from 24 - 48 hrs

Sources:

- http://ww.amphetamines.com ;
- http://www.lec.org/DrugSearch/Documents/Amphetamines.html ;
- http://onhealth.com/

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATOR

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1-800-662-HELP
1-800-662-9832 (Espanol)
1-800-228-0427 (TTY)

OR, visit the following website:
http://dasis4.samhsa.gov

If you have any questions about alcohol or other drugs, call:

Illinois Department of Human Services
Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

1-866-213-0548 (toll-free Voice)
1-866-843-7344 (toll-free TTY)

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1-800-843-6154

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

You may speak to a representative between:

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday (except state holidays)

For answers to your questions, you may also write:

Illinois Department of Human Services
Bureau of Customer and Provider Assistance
100 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62762

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